



# Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

## January 2022

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### Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

Dedicated to trail riding and the preservation of the many riding areas in Central Florida.

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- **Saturday, January 22:** Obstacle day with Audra Tyson (Ft. McCoy, FL)
- **Saturday, January 22, 9am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton. Mike Charron, trail boss
- **Saturday, January 29, 9am:** Club ride at Gator Creek
- **Saturday, February 5, 9am:** Club ride at the Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd.
- **Saturday, February 12, 9am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **Saturday, February 19, 9am:** Club ride, potluck & meeting at Colt Creek
- **Saturday, February 26, 9am:** Club ride at Catfish Creek
- **Saturday, April 2, 8am-1pm:** Horses @ Tenoroc's Fishing Derby

**Take time after each ride to relax—bring your lunch or snacks and share some quality time with club members.**

Those wanting to ride other days—please contact Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly. Many riders have been joining in on the various weekday rides.

Check the **“Upcoming Events”** section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>, or the **“Events”** section of the Florida Sport Horse Club's Facebook page.

# News

We were able to help 2 very special couples celebrate anniversaries at our January 15 meeting! **Karen and Sammie Turbeville** are about to hit the **50-year mark**, and **Patty and Del Jones** just celebrated their **25<sup>th</sup>**. June Jansen supplied special hats and bouquets/boutonnieres as well as champagne, and Janet Schneider brought a cake. It's a wonderful thing to help our friends celebrate special occasions!



The **Obstacle Day** is set for Saturday, January 22 in Ft. McCoy (12300 NE 135<sup>th</sup> St) with Audra Tyson. Audra has a beautiful piece of land just above Ocala, with many obstacles. The cost is \$25 per horse, & another \$10 for those who wish to spend the night (it's about a 2-hour run up there). There's no shower, but there is access to a toilet & sink. **Please let Susan know** if you plan to come, as Audra is requesting reservations.

We have encountered some wonderful people on the trails lately, who have been scrupulous in demonstrating excellent **trail etiquette** skills by holding their dogs tightly, stopping their bicycles, and/or moving off the trail to allow us to pass. Del Jones has come up with the idea of creating tokens that we can hand out, with the trail logo, to thank those trail users for their courtesy.

And speaking of **etiquette and courtesy**, Trail Boss Del asks that we, the members, remember our own manners. Being ready to ride on time, staying with the group unless you inform others, keeping your horse (when possible!) from moving into the path of your neighbor, not riding off on your own when the group has to stop to help a rider, picking up manure around your trailer before leaving, etc....these are just a few things that help keep us all happy and safe. Since our rides have gotten bigger, parking can be an issue as well; please be aware to use space efficiently without blocking others or taking up more room than needed. **Our guidelines are at the end of this newsletter as a helpful refresher course for you.**

**Club shirts** are scheduled to be ready on January 20! Those who ordered shirts can check with AnnMarie for the amount they owe; we ask that they send their payments (checks made out to the Florida Sport Horse Club) to Susan. We thank AnnMarie Connor for her hard work.

Tenoroc is again holding **its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Fishing Derby** on Saturday, April 2 from 8am to 1pm. We have been invited to bring 1 or 2 bomb-proof, kid-proof horses for a meet-and-greet (no riding) that day. We'll be under a tree, and a water trough will be provided. Janet has a portable paddock that we can use, so horse handlers won't even have to hold their horses for the entire time. We'd also like to have a table with horse "stuff:" saddle, bits, horseshoes, grooming kit, etc., so kids can see what it takes to care for our horses. If you can help, please let Janet Schneider know.

**Del Jones** has been invited to organize and lead **moonlight rides** at Colt Creek. He's busy making plans, and is already looking for volunteers to help. He also needs a lot of **half- or 1-gallon plastic jugs** to use as "night-lights," and asks members to save their jugs for him.

**Camping Coordinators Karen Turbeville and Barbara Lassiter** haven't gotten much feedback from members on camping excursions and are suggesting a new approach. People are encouraged to, when they plan a camping outing, to invite other members to join them. Send your camping information to Karen Turbeville via phone or email, or through the club's Facebook Messenger. We may get more outings and a diversity of places by implementing this.

The club's **video retrospective of 2021** is now up on our Facebook page! You can watch it whether you use Facebook or not at <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSportHorseClub/videos/708884007165348>

**Do you follow our Facebook page or web page?** All our events, news, and tips are listed there. You can even review our club!

**Want a club shirt?** Email AnnMarie Connor at [nascaramc@yahoo.com](mailto:nascaramc@yahoo.com).

**If you see unfamiliar faces** at our rides and events, please introduce yourself and invite them to club activities. People are welcome to join us a few times before they decide whether to become a member. Of course, anyone showing up regularly should be encouraged to officially join the club. **And remember—guests must sign a hold harmless that the trail bosses will provide. Please escort the guests to the trail boss of the day!**



## Tips & Activities by Members:

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Please keep **Cindy Jones** and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Cindy's brother.

One of our founding members, **Bobby Hancock**, has had to be placed in a nursing home due to his condition. Bobby has been a treasured presence, sharing his poetry, skills, and willingness to help in any endeavor. He is unable to have visitors or understand correspondence.

**Melanie Swartz** announced that the South Creek Foxhounds is holding a Hunter Pace on Saturday, March 12.

**June Jansen** only has about 130 days till she retires!



## Classifieds:



**Hand-crafted soaps from advanced certified soap maker Jane Gavin:** essential oil soaps, and others. She now makes a Farriers' soap, inspired by Wayne Elkins and Dani Horton. She also has an all-natural citronella soap that is excellent for horses. Check out her web site at <https://www.soapforthesoul.com/>.

Join the club! Meet some great people who love their horses. What are YOU doing? Let us know, and send us pictures--we'd love some action shots of you and your horse! Send to [jm\\_schneider@msn.com](mailto:jm_schneider@msn.com). Follow us on Facebook and visit us online at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!

## Florida Sport Horse Club Trail Etiquette Guidelines

Trail etiquette is mostly common sense and safety precautions, but sometimes it helps to have a reminder of some commonly accepted practices. These guidelines are meant to be flexible tips to help club members have a good time while remaining as safe as possible on the trail.

1. **Be on time.** Be saddled, mounted and ready to ride at the appointed time.
2. **Stay behind the Trail Boss unless given permission to pass.**
3. **Do not leave the group without notifying other riders.**
4. **Don't pass, come up behind, or run toward others at a high speed.** If the horses in the group are surprised or become frightened, they might spook and someone could get hurt.
5. **Don't make loud noises on the trail.** Many trail riders are looking for quiet time with nature. Be considerate and don't yell unless there is a problem.
6. **Leave gates as you found them.** Many trail areas double as cow pastures, so always leave the gates open or closed as you found them.
7. **If you carry a crop, make sure it stays close to your side and does not wave out to other horses.**
8. **Ride at the ability level and speed of the least experienced rider or horse.** Do not ride too quickly or take trails that are too challenging for their comfort level and experience.
9. **Speak up** if the group is moving too quickly or slowly—others may feel the same way, and the group could be split to accommodate the needs of all.
10. **Keep at least one to two horse lengths between you and the horse in front of you.** This will allow you to view the trail ahead and prevent your horse from being kicked.
11. **If your horse is a known kicker, tie a red ribbon in its tail.** Never assume that all riders know what the red ribbon means; if a rider moves too close, let him or her know immediately that your horse may kick.
12. **Be watchful for trail hazards and relay them to those following you.** Be specific when describing the hazard, such as: "Deep hole on the left side of the trail; stay to the right," or "Watch out, there's a low hanging limb ahead. Duck!"
13. Many trails are also enjoyed by those who hike, bike or ride ATVs. As a general rule, **all users should yield to horses.** Be prepared for any reaction your horse may have to others. Always speak to those you meet in the hope that they will return the greeting and your horse will recognize them as human. It is not discourteous to ask those you encounter to yield; however, it may be in everyone's best interest if you move off of the trail to allow them to pass if they choose not to.
14. **When watering horses** from a creek or other watering source, take turns and do not ride off until every horse has had an opportunity to drink. A thirsty horse will not drink if he is left behind.
15. **If someone needs to dismount** during the ride, everyone should stop and wait for the rider to remount before resuming the ride.
16. **Remember that you may not be able to always ride in your favorite position in the line.** It's good for a horse to learn to ride in front or in back of others. Be flexible and make room for other riders in the line.
17. **Be a good Samaritan.** If you encounter someone having trouble on the trail, offer to stop and help. Remember, it could be you needing assistance next time.
18. **Be environmentally friendly.** Carry out what you carry in. Do not ride off trail or cut across switchbacks unless it's approved by the riding area management.
19. **Be responsible with your horse's manure.** Pick it up! Either leave it in the bushes or take it home with you, rather than leaving it in the parking lot where others will step in it.



**Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc**  
**Membership New/Renewal Form**  
**August through July, 20\_\_ to 20\_\_**



Please complete the form and return it with your check, **payable to the Florida Sport Horse Club**,  
 Welcome to our club!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  Single      \$15.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Family      \$25.00

Joining before September 30? Add a 1-year subscription to Horse & Pony for an extra \$10. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Total paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed (include legal guardian if under 19 years of age)      Date

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 Other Family Member(s)      Date

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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